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Tonga is located in the very heart of the South Pacific lying east of Fiji and south of Samoa. It is one of the most scenic and unspoiled of the Pacific island nations. The 176 islands ranging from high volcanic to low coral terrain create scenic variety seldom matched elsewhere in the world.

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The name Tonga means south - further from the equator than islands such as Samoa, Tonga has a cooler and more comfortable climate.

[Tonga Culture and Nature](#)

The country is divided into four distinct parts, each scenically diverse. The **Tongatapu** group is the most populated and farthest south. It is Tonga's cultural centre and home to the capital, Nuku'alofa.

Tonga Maps:

[Country](#)
[Ha'apai](#)
[Niuafoou](#)
[Vava'u](#)

The central **Ha'apai** group lies approximately 80nm north, an archipelago of low coral islands surrounding soaring volcanoes. Ha'apai is a diver and fisherman's dream. Continuing 80nm north is the **Vava'u** group, considered to be Tonga's sailing centre. It is a beautiful cluster of waterways and pristine, sparsely inhabited islets at the centre lies an immense landlocked harbor. And in the extreme northern reaches are the Niua, an isolated trio of volcanic islands 320nm from Tongatapu where traditional Tongan customs and culture still thrive.

[Tonga's Islands:](#)

Eua
 Haapai
 Niua
 Tongatapu
 Vava'u

Tonga is located on the eastern edge of the Indo-Australian Plate, which is forced up by the Pacific Plate pushing under it at the Tonga Trench. This long oceanic valley extends north-south and reaches depths over 5.5nm. Tonga lies on a volcanic ridge known as the Pacific Ring of Fire, the ridge extends from New Zealand to Samoa, then back toward Vanuatu and the Solomons. Where Tongatapu, Ha'apai and Vava'u lie, towering volcanoes once dominated the landscape. As they sank into the sea, coral polyps gradually built the islands existing today.

Tongatapu Island

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